

MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
BURNING SPRING ASSOCIATION
OF REGULAR
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST

Established 1813



Hold With
Paint Church, Morgan County, Kentucky
August 17th, 18th and 19th, 1928

ELDER T. J. BURTON
FRANK SNYARD, Clerk MARVIN L. BURTON, Mod

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**FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17, 1928**

The Burning Spring Association of Regular Primitive Baptists met, pursuant to adjournment with Paint Church, Morgan County, Kentucky, and after singing, and prayer by Elder W. W. Smith, the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder T. J. Burton, from St. John, 1st chapter and 13th verse: "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Brethren Isaac Skaggs, N. M. Williams and Isaac Ferguson were appointed a committee to see that the stand be supplied with ministers.

Letters from the several churches were brought forward, read and received as shown in the table of statistics of churches.

The Association was then permanently organized by choosing Elder T. J. Burton, Moderator, Frank Kennard, Clerk, and Marvin Dunn, assistant clerk.

The report of the conference meeting called for, read and received, and according to said report, our next Association will be held with Laurel Hill Church, Johnson County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1929, and the two following days.

The door of the Association was opened for the reception of new churches, but none came.

Letters from corresponding associations were called for.

Rock Spring Association presented a letter of correspondence by the hands of Elders G. W. Hall, J. W. Dawson and E. M. Tackett, which was read and received and messengers seated by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Spencer Association presented a letter of correspondence by the hands of Brother W. B. Caudill, which was read and received, and the messenger seated by the Moderator giving him the right hand of fellowship.

New Liberty—No letter nor delegate.

Red River Association presented a letter of correspondence by the hands of Elders W. L. Kash and Jeff Brewer, which was read and received and the messengers seated by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

The Big Sandy Valley Association presented a letter of correspondence by the hands of Elders J. A. Justice, Eddie Plummer, Troy Daniels and Newton Danie's, seeking to correspond with us, which was referred to the committee on arrangements.

Transcient Ministers (their associations being in correspondence with us) were invited to a seat with us.

By motion, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.

He appointed Brethren N. M. Williams, W. W. Johnson, W. E. Bentley and Irven Lyon with the Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk as a committee on arrangements.

The following were appointed to write letters of correspondence to sister associations: Brother H. C. Williams, to Rock Spring; W. W. Johnson, to Red River; W. W. Johnson, to Spencer; and W. W. Johnson, to Liberty.

The clerk and his assistant were appointed.

The Association adjourned till

## SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 18, 1928

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The roll was called and most all the delegates answered to their names.

The committee on arrangements made its report and was discharged.

The finance committee made its report and was discharged.

Our next conference meeting will be held with Walnut Grove Church, Morgan County, Kentucky, on the first Saturday in June, 1929, and Elders J. E. Burchwell, Frank Kennard, Emery Ferguson and Brother Deva Ferguson agree to attend the same.

By motion the clerk and his assistant were appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

The committee appointed at the 1926 session of the Association to investigate the churches of Silver Creek, Bethlehem, Friendship and New Friendship as to doctrine and practice, and if found orthodox to resolve themselves into a presbytery and to organize them into an Association of Regular Primitive Baptists, made its report which was recieved and the committee discharged.

The Association failed to accept the letter of correspondence of the Big Sandy Valley Association.

Brother H. C. Williams presented a letter of correspondence to Rock Spring Association which was read and received and Elder J. H. Skaggs and Brother Millard Ferguson agree to bear the same to Rock Spring Association when met with New Hope Church, Rowan County, Kentucky, on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1928, and the two following days. Letter and minutes delivered to Elder J. H. Skaggs.

Brother W. W. Johnson, presented a letter of correspondence to Spencer Association, which was read and received, and Brethren W. W. Elam, I. C. Skaggs, and Elders W. W. Smith, John Burchwell, W. A. Williams and William Skaggs agree to bear the same to Spencer Association when met with Naomi Church, Wolfe County, Kentucky, on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1928, and the two following days. Letter and minutes delivered to W. W. Elam.

Brother Hager Arnett presented a letter of correspondence to Red River Association, which was read and received, and Elders William Skaggs, W. E. Bentley, K. K. Spencer and Brother W. W. Elam agree to bear the same to Red River Association, when met with Baptist Union Church, Wolfe County, Kentucky, on Friday before the second Saturday in Septmeber, 1928, and the two following days. Letter and minutes delivered to W. W. Elam.

Elder W. W. Smith presented a letter of correspondence to New Liberty Association, which was read and received, and Elders W. V. Smith, J. H. Skaggs and Brother Allie Smith and Wheeler Ratliff agree to bear the same to New Liberty Association when met with Runyan Church, Boyd County, Kentucky, on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1928. Letter and minutes delivered to Brother Wheeler Ratliff.

Elder W. W. Smith was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at our new Association and Elder William Skaggs his alternate.

W. E. Bentley and G. W. Hall were chosen to preach on Sunday.

singing and prayer by J. W. Dawson, morning at 9.

## SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19, 1928

The Association opened by singing and prayer by Elder Frank Kennard.

Elder W. L. Kash preached from Jeremiah 6th chapter and 16th verse: "Thus sayeth the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Elder G. W. Hall preached from Ezekiel 43rd chapter and 10th verse: "Thou son of man show the house to the house of Israel."

The Moderator being absent, Elder W. W. Smith closed the Association.

The congregations were moderately large and very attentive and we hope the seed sown will be as the dew distilled on the tender plants.

The Association tenders its thanks to the brethren and sisters of Paint Church and the citizens of the community round about it, for their kindness and hospitality extended the delegates and visitors during the Association, and our prayer is that God will bless them according to His mercies and grace.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Laurel Hill Church, Johnson County, Kentucky, on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1929.

This done and signed by order of the Association.

ELDER T. J. BURTON, Moderator.

FRANK KENNARD, Clerk; MARVIN DUNN, Ass't. Clerk.

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### NAMES OF MINISTERS AND P. O. ADDRESS

#### Churches—

South Fork—John L. Ferguson, Gear, Ky.

Bethel Chapel—J. A. Haney, Cannel City, Ky.

Walnut Grove—T. J. Burton, Stacyfork, Ky.; K. K. Spencer, Cannel City, Ky.

Licking—John Howard, Foraker, Ky.

White Oak Grove—Brack Howard, Plutarch, Ky.; Lewis Rigsby, Lacy, Ky.

Elk Fork—W. W. Smith, Mima, Ky.; W. V. Smith, Ophir, Ky.; Frank Kennard, I. F. Coffee, Proctor Gullett, Logville, Ky.

Paint—J. E. Burchwell, Mima, Ky.; William Skaggs, Crockett, Ky.; Emery Ferguson, Terryville, Ky.

Syrissa—W. A. Williams, Dingus, Ky.

Cedar Grove—Isaac Branham, Big Shoal, Ky.

Laurel Hill—Arthur Skaggs, Tella, Ky.; W. H. Hay and Sharon Hay, Mazie, Ky.

Sugar Grove—J. H. Skaggs and Jerry Skaggs, Mazie, Ky.

Open Fork—W. H. Gilliam, Truitt, Ky.; A

Dock Gilliam, Isom Adkins, Ky.

Pine Grove—Crockett, Ky.

## NAMES OF MODERATORS AND CLERKS AND P. O. ADDRESS

### Churches—

South Fork—T. J. Burton, Moderator, Stacy Fork, Ky.; W. W. Johnson, Clerk, Malone, Ky.

Bethel Chapel—J. A. Haney, Moderator, Cannel City, Ky.; W. E. Bentley, Clerk, Cannel City, Ky.

Walnut Grove—T. J. Burton, Moderator, Stacy Fork, Ky.; Hager Arnett, Clerk, Stacy Fork, Ky.

Samaria—T. J. Burton, Moderator, Stacy Fork, Ky.; Eli Williams, Clerk, Dale, Ky.

Licking—K. K. Spencer, Moderator, Cannel City, Ky.; Wilbur Carty, Clerk, Foraker, Ky.

White Oak Grove—Brack Howard, Moderator, Plutarch, Ky.; Johny Blanton, Clerk, Plutarch, Ky.

Elk Fork—W. W. Smith, Moderator, Mima, Ky.; Frank Kennard, Clerk, Logville, Ky.

Paint—W. W. Smith, Moderator, Mima, Ky.; J. F. Ferguson, Clerk, Crockett, Ky.

Syrissa—Brack Howard, Moderator, Plutarch, Ky.; W. H. Jenkins, Assistant Clerk, Ophir, Ky.

Enterprise—W. W. Smith, Moderator, Mima, Ky.; N. M. Williams, Clerk, Red Bush, Ky.

Cedar Grove—J. E. Burchwell, Moderator, Mima, Ky.; Willson McPeake, Clerk, Manco, Ky.

Laurel Hill—J. E. Burchwell, Moderator, Mima, Ky.; J. F. Lyons, Clerk, Blaine, Ky.

Sugar Grove—Emery Ferguson, Moderator, Terryville, Ky.; John H. Skaggs, Clerk, Mazie, Ky.

Open Fork—Dock Gilliam, Moderator, Isomville, Ky.; Alonzo Adkins, Clerk, Lucile, Ky.

Pine Grove—Willims Skaggs, Moderator, Crockett, Ky.; W. E. Ball, Clerk, Crockett, Ky.

FRANK KENNARD, Clerk of the Association, Logville, Ky.

MARVIN DUNN, Assistant Clerk, Stacy Fork, Ky.

## CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized by immersion upon profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, and set up the rules of our Association according to the following:

only one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, of equal power and glory, who are not three

Article 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the true written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

Article 3. We believe in the fall of Adam and the imputation of his sin to his posterity, the corruption of his nature and the total inability of man to recover himself, either in part or in whole.

Article 4. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Article 5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by and through the righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed to them.

Article 6. We believe that the saints will finally persevere in grace to glory, and not one of them shall be finally lost.

Article 7. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead both of the just and unjust and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Article 8. We believe that the Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with each other and have given themselves up to the Lord and to one another and have agreed to keep up a godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel.

Article 9. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church and that the government thereof is upon His shoulders.

Article 10. We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the only mode.

Article 11. We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Lord and are to be continued by the church until His second coming.

Article 12. We believe it to be the duty of the churches thus united collectively or individually to remonstrate against any doctrines or opinions of men that does not comport with the principles of this constitution, and if they fail to do so, shall be considered a violation of this Constitution.

Article 13. This Association shall withdraw from any church that acts or persists contrary to the principles of this Constitution.

Article 14. No church shall be received into this Association unless they subscribe to this Constitution.

Article 15. All matters coming before this Association shall be decided by the will of the majority except the receiving or dismissing of churches and corresponding with other Associations which shall be done by a unanimous vote.

Article 16. This Association shall be governed by a regular decorum

This done and signed by order of the Association.

ELDER T. J. TON

FRANK K. NARD, Clerk; MARVIN

## RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the sufferage of the members present.

Article 3. The Association thus formed shall be a Council of Advice and not an authoritative body.

Article 4. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have the right at any time to call to order.

Article 5. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the Association on the same day but no other time.

Article 6. Only one person shall speak at the same time who shall rise and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

Article 7. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone, except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Article 8. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

Article 9. No Person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without leave obtained

Article 10. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without leave of the Association.

Article 11. It shall be deemed a violation of good order for any person to laugh or whisper during public speech.

Article 12. No appellation but that of "Brother" shall be used in the Association.

Article 13. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking, until he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks the rules of this Decorum.

Art. 14. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as the Association begins.

Art. 15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege as any other member, provided the chair is filled, but shall have no vote unless the Association is equally divided.

Art. 16. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these laws shall be reprovod as the Association shall think proper.

ELDER T. J. BURTON, Moderator.

FRANK KENNARD, Clerk; MARVIN DUNN, Ass't. Clerk.

## OBITUARIES

### Elder Greenville Stacy

The date and place of his birth is not at present obtainable.

He became a member of Walnut Grove Church 1885 and a few years after he became a member of the church, he felt his call to the ministry, which place he filled with honor to himself and his church.

He deceased this life November 27, 1927, and in his death the church feels his loss and his many friends and relatives mourn for him, but they are comforted in that they are in hope that in the Great Beyond they will meet him in the presence of Him who doeth all things well.

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### Brother Elijah Smith.

Brother Elijah Smith was born February 22, 1858. He became a member of Paint Church of Regular Primitive Baptists June 4th Sunday, 1906, and was baptized by Elder Jas. W. Wheeler.

He lived in Paint Church till August 2nd, Saturday, 1919, and then was by letter received into the fellowship of Elk Fork Church.

He lived a faithful Christian life until his death, December 12, 1927, age 69 years, 9 months and 20 days.

He leaves his wife with six children, four boys and two girls, to mourn their loss; but we do not mourn as those that have no hope.

Our loss is his eternal gain. We just have to wait the gathering of God's elect family, and then we will see Father again.

His life was concentrated to that glorious doctrine of "Salvation by Grace."

His son,

ELDER W. W. SMITH.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES                | NAMES OF DELEGATES                                                    | By Baptism | By Letter | By Recommendation | Restored | Excluded | Dismissed | Deceased | Total Membership | Saturday of Meeting |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>First District—</b>  |                                                                       |            |           |                   |          |          |           |          |                  |                     |
| South Fork              | W. W. Johnson, W. W. Elam, T. L. Conley, J. H. Elam                   | 0          | 0         | 0                 | 0        | 0        | 0         | 1        | 58               | 2                   |
| Bethel Chapel           | W. E. Bentley, J. M. Stacy                                            | 0          | 0         | 0                 | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0        | 30               | 3                   |
| Walnut Grove            | Wheeler Ratliff, Marvin Dunn, Lafe Haney, Kirby Wheeler, Hager Arnett | 0          | 0         | 0                 | 0        | 0        | 0         | 1        | 62               | 1                   |
| Samaria                 | H. C. Williams, W. H. Keeton, J. A. Rudd, Emery Wages                 | 0          | 0         | 0                 | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0        | 66               | 4                   |
| Licking                 | Claud Arnett, Roy Arnett, Wilbur Howard, John Howard                  | 1          | 0         | 0                 | 0        | 2        | 0         | 5        | 113              | 2                   |
| <b>Second District—</b> |                                                                       |            |           |                   |          |          |           |          |                  |                     |
| White Oak Grove         | Brack Howard, K. P. Gullett, James Howard                             | 0          | 0         | 0                 | 0        | 1        | 0         | 1        | 74               | 1                   |
| Elk Fork                | W. W. Smith, Frank Kennard, T. M. Hamilton, Tom Smith                 | 5          | 1         | 1                 | 2        | 0        | 4         | 5        | 85               | 1                   |
| Paint                   | I. C. Skaggs, J. E. Burchwell, Emery Ferguson, Auty Ferguson          | 0          | 0         | 0                 | 0        | 1        | 1         | 1        | 112              | 1                   |
| Syrissa                 | Lum Jenkins, W. A. Williams                                           | 0          | 0         | 0                 | 0        | 3        | 0         | 1        | 39               | 4                   |
| Enterprise              | N. M. Williams, L. P. Ferguson                                        | 0          | 0         | 0                 | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0        | 27               | 3                   |
| <b>Third District—</b>  |                                                                       |            |           |                   |          |          |           |          |                  |                     |
| Cedar Grove             | Not Represented                                                       |            |           |                   |          |          |           |          | 8                | 4                   |
| Laurel Hill             | W. T. Rigsby, J. I. Lyon, Sharon Hay, J. M. Moore, J. F. Lyon         | 9          | 0         | 0                 | 0        | 0        | 1         | 2        | 51               | 1                   |
| Sugar Grove             | J. H. Skaggs, J. J. Skaggs, Leo Skaggs, Otha Keeton                   | 0          | 0         | 0                 | 0        | 1        | 0         | 0        | 22               | 1                   |
| Open Fork               | Not Represented                                                       |            |           |                   |          |          |           |          |                  |                     |
| Pine Grove              | Elihu Johnson, G. B. Barker, W. E. Ball, J. T. Barker                 | 2          | 1         | 0                 | 0        | 1        | 0         | 0        | 31               | 1                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            |                                                                       | 17         | 2         | 1                 | 2        | 9        | 6         | 17       | 871              |                     |